

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of claims:**

Claims 1-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) A system for providing access to flight management system software over a network coupling a server application and remotely-located client computer executing a general-purpose network browser and a client application, said system comprising:

a database configured to store a plurality of records;

a general-purpose host computer comprising at least one avionics co-processor card configured to execute the flight management system software; and

a gateway in communication with said network, with the database, and with the general-purpose host computer, wherein said gateway is configured to provide access between said client application and the flight management system software executing on said avionics co-processor card via said network, and wherein said access is based upon comparison of a credential provided from said general-purpose network browser with one of the records stored in the database, and wherein interface information is stored in a client program residing locally on the remotely-located client computer, wherein interface commands from a user are relayed to the general-purpose host computer over the network, and wherein a portion of the interface updates are processed locally in the remotely-located client computer in response to instructions from the general-purpose host computer in order to reduce delay produced by the network.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the flight management system software is the same code used in an actual aircraft.

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the flight management system software is based upon software licensed from the manufacturer of a flight management system used in an actual aircraft.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the flight management system software is based upon the same code used in an actual aircraft.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the client application comprises a library of graphical imagery for an aircraft electronic flight instrument system.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 27 wherein the avionics co-processor is further configured to execute a server application configured to process update instructions for the electronic flight information system.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 28 wherein the gateway is further configured to route the update instructions from the server application to the client application.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the system is further operable to retrieve a set of user preferences from the database and to transmit the user preferences to a server application executing on the general-purpose host computer.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30 wherein the set of user preferences comprises a preferred choice for aircraft type.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30 wherein the set of user preferences comprises a preferred choice for a navigation database version.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30 wherein the set of user preferences comprises preferred choices for aircraft type and for a navigation database version.

Claims 34 – 36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently amended) A method of providing access to flight management system software executing at a content-providing system having a database via a public digital network from a client computer, wherein the client computer comprises a general purpose network browser having a user interface displayed on the client computer, the method comprising:

- receiving a request for a connection from the network browser via said public digital network at a gateway associated with said content-providing system, wherein the request comprises an authentication credential;

- correlating said authentication credential with data stored in the database to verify that said client computer is permitted to access said content-providing system;

- establishing a connection between said client computer and said content-providing system across said public digital network via said gateway in response to the request;

- executing said flight management system software at said content providing system; and

- providing instructions from said flight management system software to said client portion, said instructions corresponding to an update to the user interface executing at said client computer, wherein interface information is stored in a client

program residing locally on the client computer, wherein interface commands from a user are relayed to the content-providing system over the public digital network, and wherein a portion of the interface updates are processed locally in the client computer in response to instructions from the content-providing system in order to reduce delay produced by the public digital network.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37 further comprising the step of monitoring a time of usage at said content-providing system.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37 further comprising the step of maintaining information at said content-providing system, wherein said billing information is correlated to said time of usage.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37 wherein the flight management system software is the same code used in an actual aircraft.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37 wherein the flight management system software is based upon software licensed from the manufacturer of a flight management system used in an actual aircraft.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37 wherein the flight management system software is based upon the same code used in an actual aircraft.

43. (Currently amended) A system for providing access to flight management system software over a network coupling a server application and remotely-located client computer executing a general-purpose network browser and a client application that comprises a library of graphical imagery for an aircraft electronic flight instrument system, said system comprising:  
a database configured to store a plurality of records;

a general-purpose host computer comprising at least one avionics co-processor card configured to execute the flight management system software and a server application configured to process update instructions for the aircraft electronic flight information system using the library of graphical imagery in the client application, wherein the flight management system software is based upon software used in an actual aircraft; and

a gateway in communication with said network, with the database, and with the general-purpose host computer, wherein said gateway is configured to provide access between said client application and the flight management system software executing on said avionics co-processor card via said network, and wherein said access is based upon comparison of a credential provided from said general-purpose network browser with one of the records stored in the database, and wherein the gateway is further configured to route the update instructions from the server application to the client application, wherein interface information is stored in a client program residing locally on the remotely-located client computer, wherein interface commands from a user are relayed to the general-purpose host computer over the network, and wherein a portion of the interface updates are processed locally in the remotely-located client computer in response to instructions from the general-purpose host computer to reduce delay produced by the network.

44. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the server application is configured to retrieve a set of user preferences from the database, wherein the set of user preferences comprises preferred choices for aircraft type and for a navigation database version.